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SUBJECT: PRG LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA: NON-HUMANITARIAN
ACTIVITIES

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SUMMARY. USDEL JEC PARIS TRANSMITTING ASAP TEXTS
MADAME BINH LETTER TO GRABER AND DRV STATEMENT
REQUESTED PARA 5 REF A. SVN AMB VAN LOI, WHO HAS
BENN ILL FOR SEVERAL DAYS, INFORMS US THAT HIS
MISSION HAS SENT NOTE TO WINSPEARE (DATED FEB 13,
1975) PROTESTING PHAM VAN BA FEB 7 PRESS
CONFERENCE (TEXT BELOW). HE HAS NOT YET MADE
FORMAL DEMARCHE TO SWISS, AND DOES NOT NOW PLAN
TO DO SO UNTIL HE HAS RESPONSE FROM WINSPEARE.
HE CONSIDERS THAT FOR THE MOMENT SWISS HAVE MADE
THEIR POSITION CLEAR IN JAN 15 COMMUNIQUE
ANNOUNCING OPENING PRG OFFICE (REF D). IN LIGHT REF
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B AND VAN LOI'S TACTIC DESCRIBED ABOVE DEPT MAY WISH

TO MAEK DEMARCHE TO UN AND HOLD OFF APPROACHING GOS
UNTIL WE HAVE RESPOONSE FROM UN AND CAN COORDINATE
ONCE MRE WITH VAN LOI HERE AT GENEVA. END SUMMARY.

1. TEXT (INFORMAL TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH). I
HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HEAD OF THE
PRG LIAISON BUREAU AT GENEVA, PHAM VAN BA, HAS HELD A
PRESS CONFERENCE FEB 7, 1975 AT GENEVA IN THE COURSE
OF WHICH HE PUBLICLY ATTACKED THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

2. THIS ACTION CONSITITUATES ONE MORE ABUSE ON THE
PART OF THE VIETCONG AGENTS AT GENEVA THAT GOES FOR
BEYOND THE ROLE OF A "LIAISON OFFICE WITH
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN AT GENEVA ON
HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS."

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM URGENTLY
REQUESTS THAT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN TO ENSIRE
THAT THE OBLIGATIONS HE ASSUMED VIS-A-VIS THE UN,
MEMBERS OF THE UN AND THE RVN BE RESPECTED (I.E.) THAT
THIS BUREAU LIMIT ITS ACTIVITIES SOLELY TO COMMUNICATIONS
RELATING TO HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN AT GENEVA, AND NOT TO PERMIT THIS
OFFOCE TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO A POLITICAL BASE FOR THE
PRUPOSE OF MOUNTING PROPAGANDA ATTACKS AGAINST UN MEMBER
COUNTRIES AND FOR TURNING UN ORGANIS INTO ARENAS FOR
POLITICAL PROPAGANDA PROMITING THE CAUSE OF THE
AGRESSOR AGAINST THE RVN WHILE DISGUIISING THEIR
CRIMINAL AND ANTI-HUMANITARIAN ACTS AGAINST THE
SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.

4. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RVN WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE
LEARNING FROM THE UN SEC GEN JUST WHAT
MEASURES HE HAS TAKEN OR PLANS TO TAKE TO ENSURE
THAT THE DECISIONS HE HAS MADE AND THE OBLIGATIONS
HE HAS UNDERTAKEN CONCERNING THE FUNCTIONS OF THIS
"PRG LIAISON BUREAU ARE RESPECTED."

5. COURTESY CLOSE - END TEXT NOTE.

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